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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 USC §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE99/03343 filed October 18, 1999, which in turn claims priority of German Patent Application No. 198 47 779.1 filed October 15, 1998.

REMARKS

Applicants claimed priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/DE99/03343 and German Patent Application No. 198 47 779.1 at the time of filing the above-identified international application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the enclosed submission document wherein applicant expressly claimed priority to both the International Patent Application No. PCT/DE99/03343 and German Patent Application No. 198 47 779.1.

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